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SUBJECT: SSOD: BARTON GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 7,1978

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT BARTON GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 7, SEVERAL MEMBERS PRESENTED PAPERS ON WHICH THEY ASKED FOR COMMENTS AND SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. DISCUSSIONS ON CANADIAN PROPOSALS ON STRATEGIC DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND CUTOFF HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPTEL. OTHER ISSUES FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST ITEM WAS SUBMISSION OF REVISED AUSTRALIAN/UK PAPER ON NON-PROLIFERATION (SEE USUN 2234). THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM OTHER DELEGATIONS.

3. FRG THEN PRESENTED PROPOSED REVISION FOR LANGUAGE ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS IN PROGRAM OF ACTION (PAGE 36). FRG PROPOSES INSERTING AFTER "EUROPE" IN SECOND SENTENCE (AS SUBSTITUTE FOR REMAINDER OF LANGUAGE IN SENTENCE):

"BY ESTABLISHING A MORE STABLE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP AT
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A LOWER LEVEL OF MILITARY POTENTIAL WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE."

FRG ALSO ASKED TO START NEW PARA FOLLOWING "CURRENT EFFORTS TO THIS END SHOULD BE CONTINUED MOST ENERGETICALLY." FRG REP INDICATED THAT PURPOSE OF THIS PROPOSED

CHANGE WAS TO AVOID IMPLYING THAT WEST WOULD ACCEPT A FREEZE ON THE LEVELS OF FORCES AS PROPOSED BY THE EASTERN SIDE IN MBFR. ALTHOUGH UK AND JAPANESE REPS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS COMPLICATES THE LOGICAL FLOW OF THE SECTION THEY DID NOT OBJECT WHEN BELGIUM REP STATED THAT GERMAN FORMULA IS PREFERABLE.

4. IRISH REP PROPOSED, AS A FOLLOW ON TO SUGGESTION MADE BY HIS PRIME MINISTER IN SPEECH TO SSOD, THAT THE SECRETARIAT BE ASKED TO CARRY OUT A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF PLACING VOLUNTARY NATIONAL CEILINGS ON DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ON A REGIONAL BASIS AS A MECHANISM FOR PROVIDING MORE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT AID. ESSENCE WOULD BE THAT COUNTRIES WHICH EXCEED THEIR VOLUNTARY CEILINGS WOULD BE OBLIGED TO CONTRIBUTE A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF THEIR GNP TO DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. NORWEGIAN, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND US REPS SAID THEIR DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THIS IDEA, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO HOW IT WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH EXISTING STUDIES IN THIS AREA. IRISH REP REPLIED THAT HIS DELEGATION DOES NOT INTEND TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER STUDIES AND THAT IT COULD ACCEPT ADDITION OF "AGREED" BEFORE THE TERM "VOLUNTARY CEILING." HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS ONLY A REQUEST FOR A STUDY.

5. JAPANESE REP SUBMITTED FOR BARTON GROUP INFORMATION
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JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO HAVE LANGUAGE INSERTED IN PROGRAM OF ACTION DECLARING AUGUST 6 AS DISARMAMENT DAY. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, IN LATER PRIVATE MEETING, US REP SPOKE TO JAPANESE CCD AMBASSADOR OGISO DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN STATE 112563 TO CONVEY OUR OBJECTIONS TO THIS IDEA. OGISO SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED. HE ADDED THAT JAPANESE WERE NOT ACTIVELY SEEKING VIEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, IMPLYING THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR THE IDEA FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES AT LEAST.

6. NETHERLANDS REP INITIATED DISCUSSION ON NETHERLANDS' PROPOSAL FOR LANGUAGE IN THE PROGRAM CALLING FOR CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY. HE SAID NETHERLANDS WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPORT OF OTHER BARTON GROUP DELEGATIONS IN TRYING TO HAVE BRACKETS REMOVED FROM THIS LANGUAGE. HE SAID NETHERLANDS ENVISAGE CREATION OF A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISARMAMENT TREATIES, AND HE CITED CW IN PARTICULAR. ASKED HOW THIS RELATED TO FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE VERIFICATION AGENCY, NETHERLANDS REP SAID FRENCH PROPOSAL RELATED TO ONLY ONE TYPE OF VERIFICATION. FRENCH REP EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH

THIS CHARACTERIZATION AND STATED THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN SIMILARITIES IN CONCEPT BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND FRENCH PROPOSALS. HE SAID THE PROPOSALS WILL NEED TO BE TIED TOGETHER AT SOME POINT, BUT THAT DETAILED STUDY WILL FIRST BE REQUIRED. WHEN NETHERLANDS REP WAS ASKED HOW HIS PROPOSAL RELATED TO SRI LANKA PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF WORLD DISARMAMENT AUTHORITY, HE REPLIED THAT SRI LANKA PROPOSAL WAS TOO BROAD AND IN CALLING FOR THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS AND APPEARED TO INTRUDE INTO THE SOVEREIGN POWERS OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS. HE SAID THAT NETHERLANDS DELEGATION NONETHELESS INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH SRI LANKA DELEGATION CONCERNING ITS PROPOSAL.

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7. US REP STATED THAT OUR POSITION ON VERIFICATION IS WELL KNOWN AND THAT THE VERIFICATION QUESTIONS IN ONGOING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE. HE SAID IN A CW CONVENTION (CITED AS A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE BY THE NETHERLANDS REP) IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RELY FOR VERIFICATION IN CW ON A MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY COMPOSED OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY. HE ADDED THAT WE WOULD HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN REGARD TO CTB VERIFICATION. FRG REP EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US, POINTING OUT THAT EACH AREA OF NEGOTIATING REQUIRES A SPECIAL VERIFICATION SYSTEM. HE SAID FRG WOULD INTRODUCE TWO WORKING PAPERS ON VERIFICATION LATER IN DAY. UK REP SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD GO ALONG WITH A PROPOSAL THAT THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE SOUGHT ON THIS

QUESTION, BUT THAT UK SHARES US CONCERNS IN THIS AREA. BELGIUM REP EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR NETHERLANDS AND FRENCH POSITIONS, BUT STATED THAT PROBLEMS EXPRESSED BY US AND UK MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT A STUDY OF THE PRACTICALITY OF SUCH A PROPOSAL. NETHERLANDS STATED IN RESPONSE TO THESE COMMENT THAT NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL WOULD CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT ON THE SYSTEMS OF VERIFICATION AND ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE AGENCY, AND HE CITED THE NPT SYSTEM AS AN EXAMPLE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT WE MUST FIRST SEE WHAT SORT OF CW AGREEMENT EMERGES FROM THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

8. NORWEGIAN REP REFERRED TO PROPOSAL OF HIS FOREIGN MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ACIS SYSTEM VIS-A-VIS THE UNGA AND HE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO BE INSERTED IN THE PROGRAM IN SECTION CONCERNING OTHER MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY AND BUILD CONFIDENCE: BUDGET REQUESTS FOR NEW WEAPONS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EVALUATION OF THEIR IMPACT ON ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. UK REP EXPRESSED CONCERN AS TO HOW "EVALUATION" WOULD BE CARRIED OUT; HE SAID UK COULD NOT MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GO PUBLIC IN ALL SUCH INSTANCES. FRG, FRENCH, BELGIUM, AND US REPS EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH UK, AND US REP POINTED OUT THAT WE ALREADY CARRY OUT SUCH EVALUATIONS IN OUR ACIS SUBMISSIONS TO CONGRESS ON THE DEFENSE BUDGET-- CERTAIN ASPECTS OF WHICH ARE MADE PUBLIC. NORWEGIAN REP REPLIED THAT NORWAY IS NOT ASKING THAT ALL SUCH STATEMENTS BE MADE PUBLIC. HE SAID THIS COULD BE A TWO-PART PROCESS IN WHICH ONLY ONE PART IS MADE PUBLIC AND GIVEN TO THE UNGA. HE SAID NORWAY IS CONTINUING ITS BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS TO TRY TO MAKE THIS LANGUAGE MORE GENERAL "WITHOUT RENDERING IT MEANINGLESS."

9. UK REP SUBMITTED PAPER ON PEACEKEEPING, DATAFAXED TO IO/UNP (MACUK) JUNE 7. HE SAID UK PLANS TO TABLE THIS PROPOSAL BY FRIDAY, ALONG WITH ANY AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY BARTON GROUP. HE SAID UK WOULD WELCOME WIDE SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: DELEGATION NEEDS INSTRUCTIONS ON CO-SPONSORING UK PROPOSAL ON PEACE-CONFIDENTIAL

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10. US REP STATED AT CLOSE OF MEETING THAT WE WILL SOON
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REGIONAL STABILIZING MEASURES AND ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR
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